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Nitze

Ball

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Nitze - They are working on the Turkish problem, is that right?

Ball - Yes, there is a group working on it.

Nitze - We take a very dim view. We have to contemplate now, in this kind of a thing, negotiations apart from Cuba ~~and~~ would just run us all the way around.

Ball - Let me be quite clear -- we have no intention of seeing it pushed into negotiations. I am doing this at the President's request to see what it would be, if later on he wanted to consider it. The Department is no happier about it then you are.

Nitze - Not that we love these things. We wanted to get ride of it before. It is really the political military thing.

Ball - Did you see a telegram I goet in from Fineletter this morning on this thing?

Nitze - Yes, I have it before me now. I just wanted to get my oar in while you are at this stage of the game.

Ball - The President ~~is~~ work done on it.

Nitze - Sure. Thanks George.

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